

CLAIMS

What I claim as my invention is:

1 1. A system for consumer control of valuable biological material, comprising at least the
2 steps of:

3 A) collection of a source of valuable biological material of an infant or young child;

4 B) processing the source of valuable biological material into a quantity of valuable
5 biological material suitable for consumer storage.

1 2. The system of claim 1, further including a step C) of consumer storage of the quantity
2 of valuable biological material from step B).

1 3. The system of claim 2, wherein the quantity of valuable biological material under
2 consumer storage is being stored under direct physical custody and control of at least one parent,
3 or parent's designated guardian or custodian, of the infant or young child from whom collection
4 was undertaken.

1 4. The system of claim 2, wherein the quantity of valuable biological material suitable for
2 consumer storage is in a container labeled with identifying information and/or instructions.

1 5. A storage device for consumer storage of a quantity of valuable biological material of a
2 human child, comprising:

3 a compartment into which may be received the valuable biological material having certain
4 desired biological features;

5 a fastening system for securing the compartment containing the valuable biological
6 material to provide a secured, closed compartment housing the valuable biological material; and

7 a preservation system for maintaining the certain desired biological features of the
8 valuable biological material in the secured, closed compartment.

1 6. The storage device of claim 5, wherein the device is one or more of: (A) portable and
2 easily carried by one individual; (B) useable for self-storage by at least one parent of umbilical
3 cord material of a child of the parent.

1 7. The storage device of claim 5, wherein the valuable biological material is from a
2 human umbilical cord.

1 8. The storage device of claim 5, wherein a value of the valuable biological material is for
2 actually or potentially treating or alleviating a medical condition, disease, disorder or problem of
3 the same child.

1 9. The storage device of claim 5, wherein a value of the valuable biological material is for
2 actually or potentially effecting a cosmetic result for the same child.

1 10. The storage device of claim 5, wherein the child from whom the valuable biological
2 material came was a newborn human, and wherein the valuable biological material has been
3 stored and preserved since at least one of: infancy of the child; the child being a toddler; the child
4 becoming a teenager; the child surviving teenage years; the child surviving his or her twenties;
5 the child surviving his or her thirties; the child himself or herself having a baby.

1 11. A system for maintaining physical control by a consumer of valuable biological material,
2 comprising at least one of:

3 A) direct consumer responsibility for and/or direct consumer supervision of collection of
4 a source of valuable biological material of an infant or young child related to the consumer;
5 and/or

6 B) direct consumer storage of the source of valuable biological material and/or a quantity
7 of valuable biological material derived from the source of valuable biological material.